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Container Availability by Location:

Weekly Container Overview

Location-Specific Analysis Highlights Denver This Week

Our series of location-specific analyses of OSCAR's container availability data continues this week with a look at the Denver market. Over the past 5 weeks, container availability analysis has been provided for Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Columbus, and Cincinnati. AMS will provide similar analysis for each of the 18 reported locations over the next several months. Please see page 2 for this week's analysis.

- **Ports:** The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Norfolk, and Savannah are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates fell from the previous week at Los Angeles/Long Beach and New York, but increased for Norfolk and Savannah.
- **Inland Locations:** Among the reported inland locations, Dallas, Memphis, Chicago, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates increased slightly this week in Dallas, but fell in Chicago, Memphis, and Columbus.
- **Equipment:** Overall, current week availability for all container types combined decreased this week by more than 4,300 units.
 - Availability estimates increased at only 5 of the 18 reported locations, including Norfolk, Savannah, Dallas, and Denver. Of the remaining 13 locations that saw decreases this week, significant decreases occurred in New Orleans (for the second consecutive week), Minneapolis, Kansas City, and Houston.
 - Overall current week availability decreased for 20ft dry, 40ft dry, and 40ft high-cube containers. However, availability of refrigerated containers increased, particularly in Seattle, New Orleans, and Norfolk. See table below.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Container Availability Estimates

Container type	*Week of Nov 13-19	Week of Nov 20-26	Week of Nov 27-Dec 3	Week of Dec 4-10	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	7,297	7,162	7,025	6,046	-14%
40ft dry	8,984	9,023	10,219	7,982	-22%
40ft high-cube	18,663	18,914	19,948	18,741	-6%
40ft refrigerated	1,911	2,429	2,050	2,131	4%
20ft refrigerated	160	155	146	153	5%

*Data updated to reflect all 6 participating ocean carriers.

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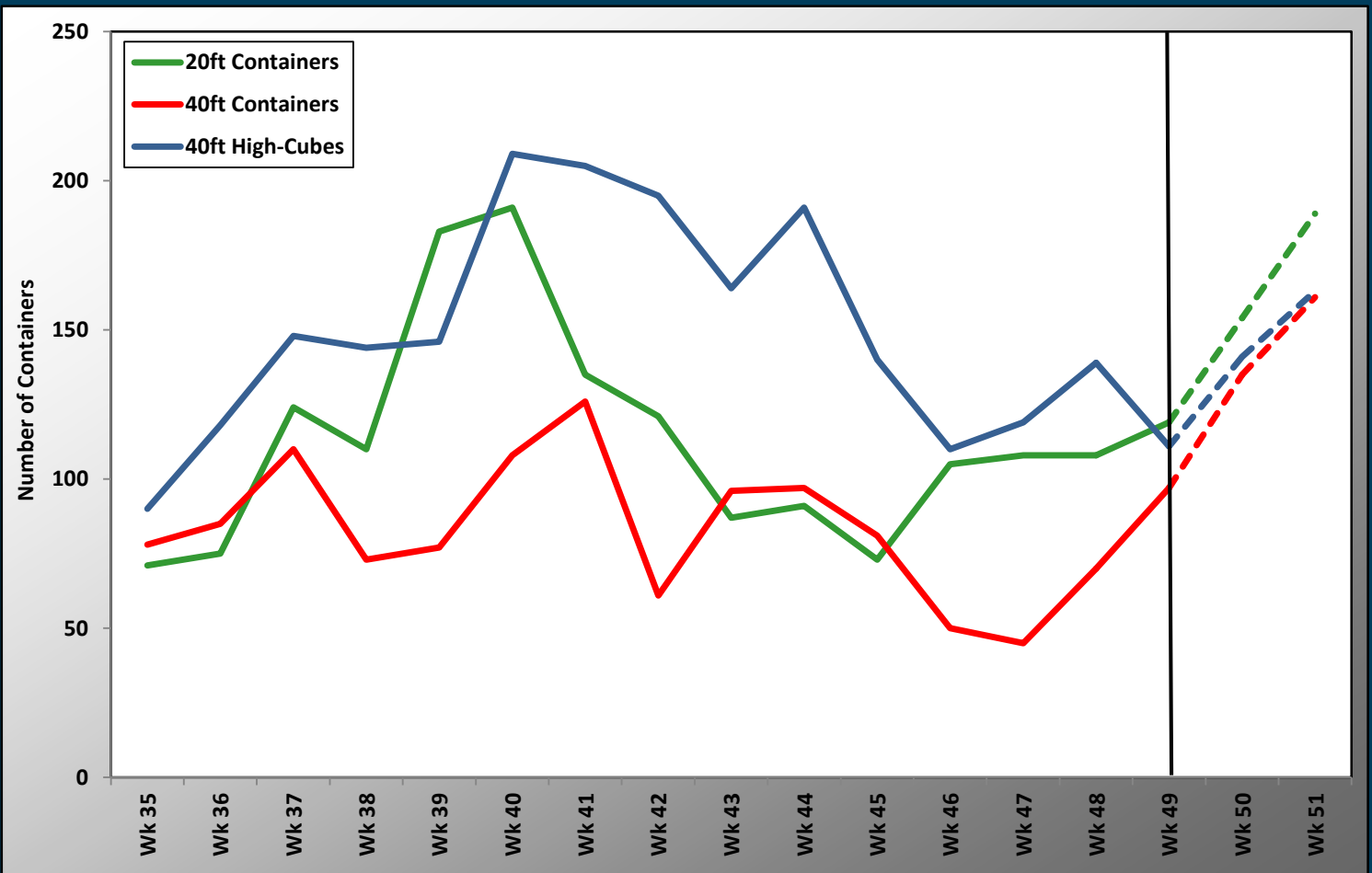
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

AMS now offers location specific container availability analysis for each of OSCAR's 18 reported locations. Over the past 5 weeks, AMS highlighted the Chicago, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Columbus, and Cincinnati markets; this week we continue with Denver. These analyses deliver a historical overview of OSCAR data.

Denver was used to export over 9,700 metric tons of containerized agricultural cargo between August and December of last year. A third of these agricultural exports were grain products. Other significant agricultural exports included vegetables, hides, and sunflower seeds. Just over 50 percent of agricultural exports through Denver were moved in 40ft containers.

Since Mid-August, container availability in Denver has demonstrated a pronounced rise and fall. Availability rose to a peak in early October for all three dry-container types then began to trend downward with some small increases along the way, ending the period slightly ahead of the levels when it began. However, despite decreasing availability estimates this week at nearly all of the reported locations, availability in Denver increased for 20 and 40ft dry containers. Additionally, projections over the next 2 weeks show availability significantly increasing for all three dry container types. If these projections materialize Denver could see another peak in availability by the end of the year. See figure below.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Denver
5th week of August (Wk 35) through 1st week of December (Wk 49), 2013, with Projections

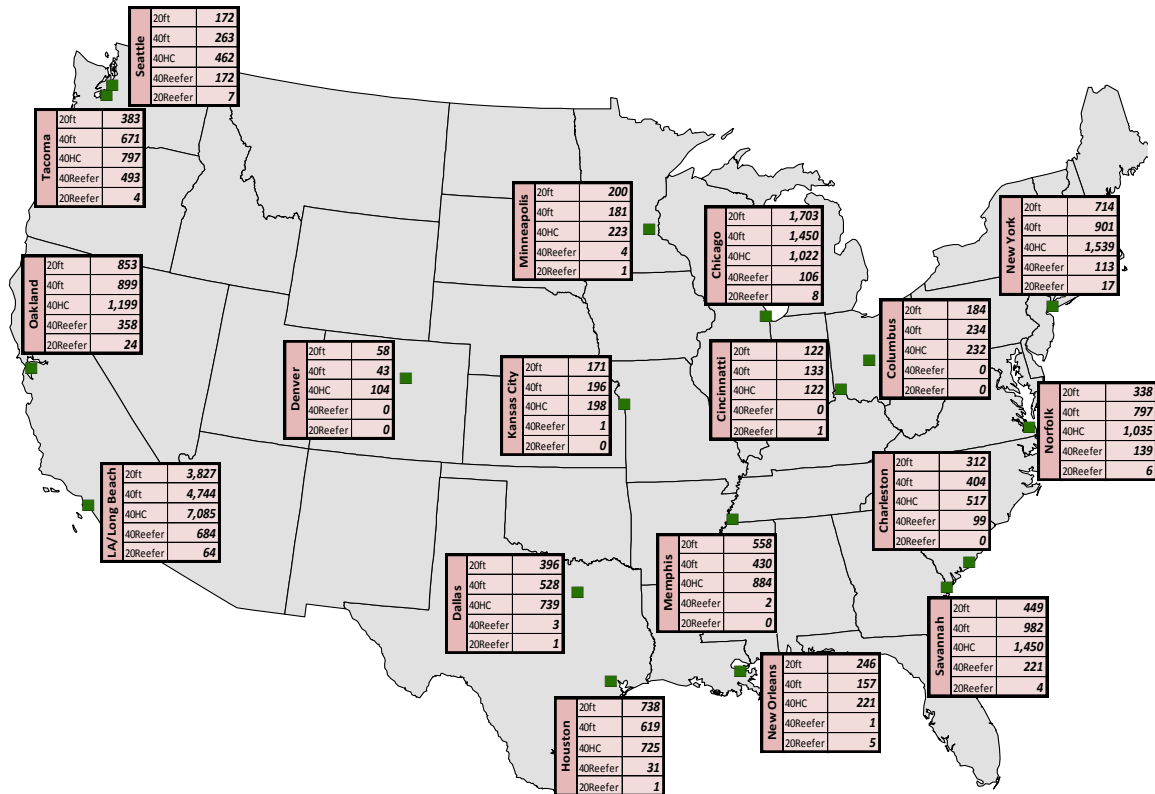


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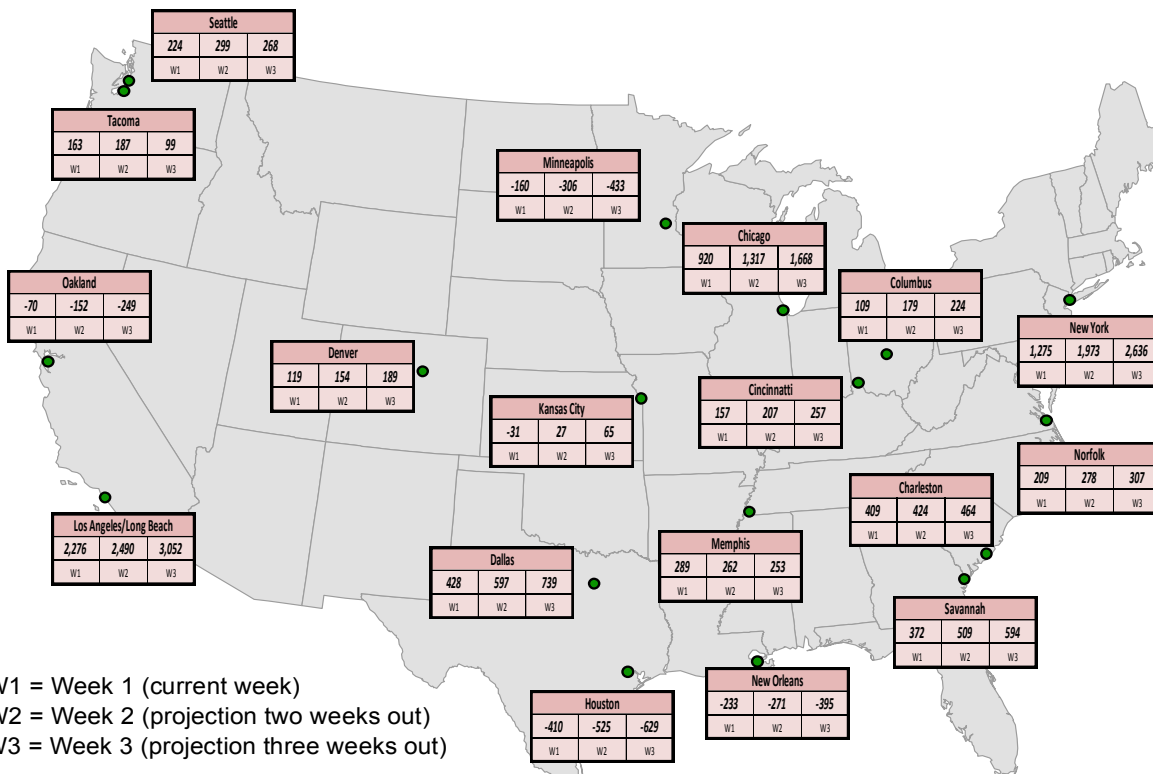
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



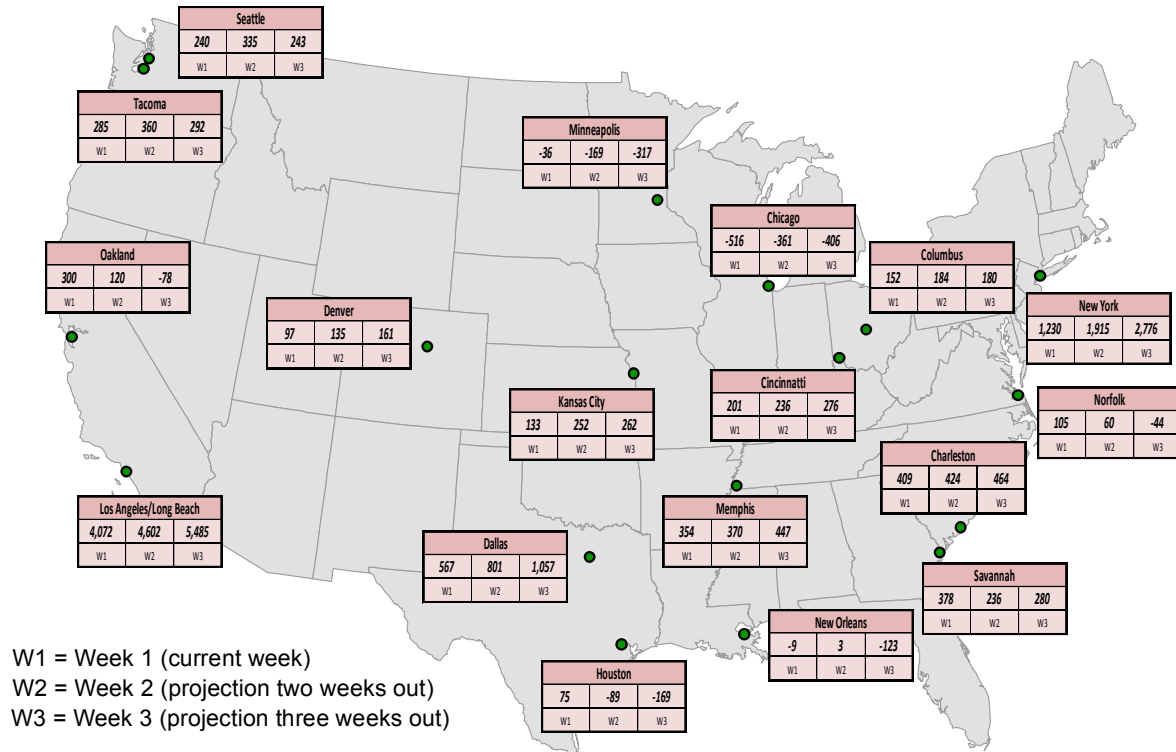
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



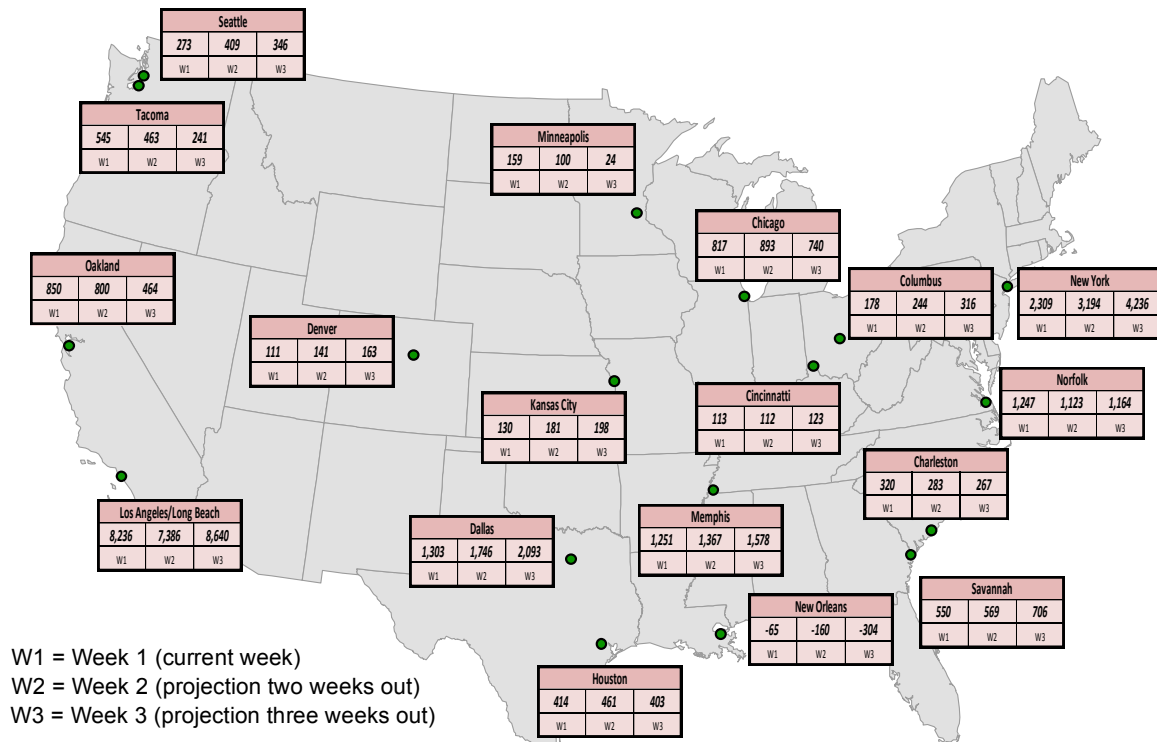
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

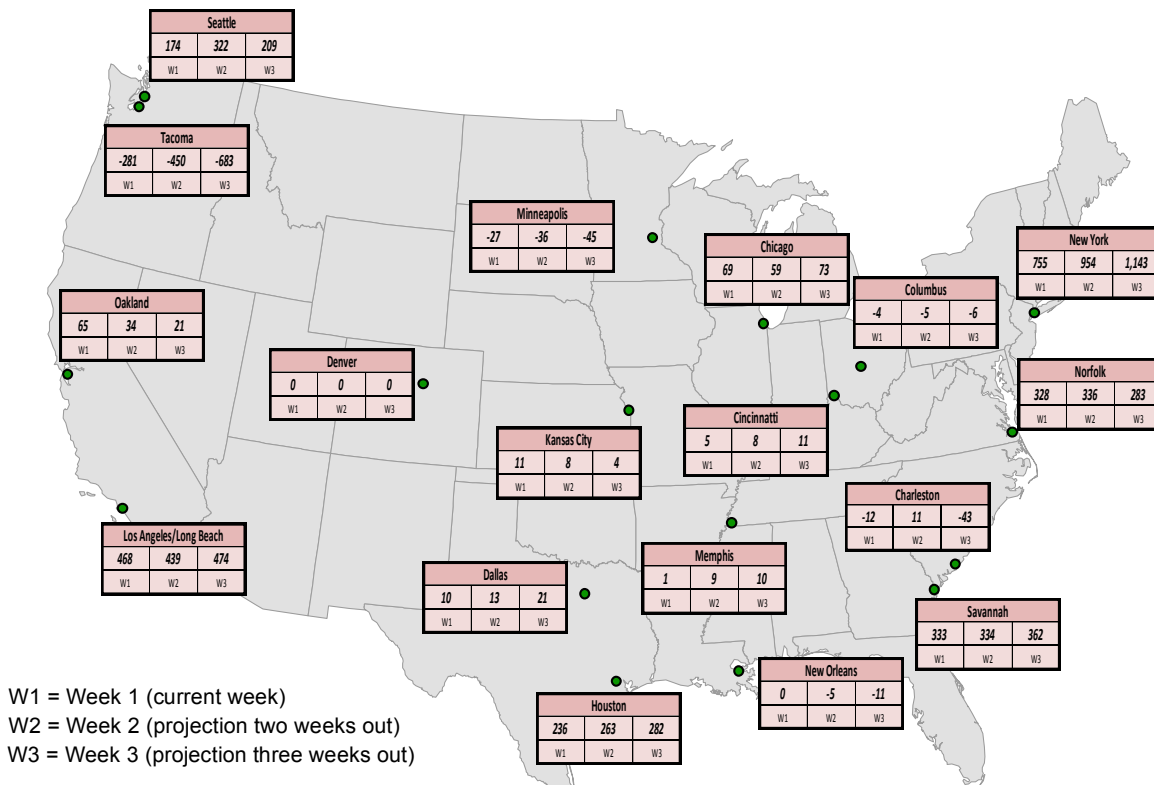


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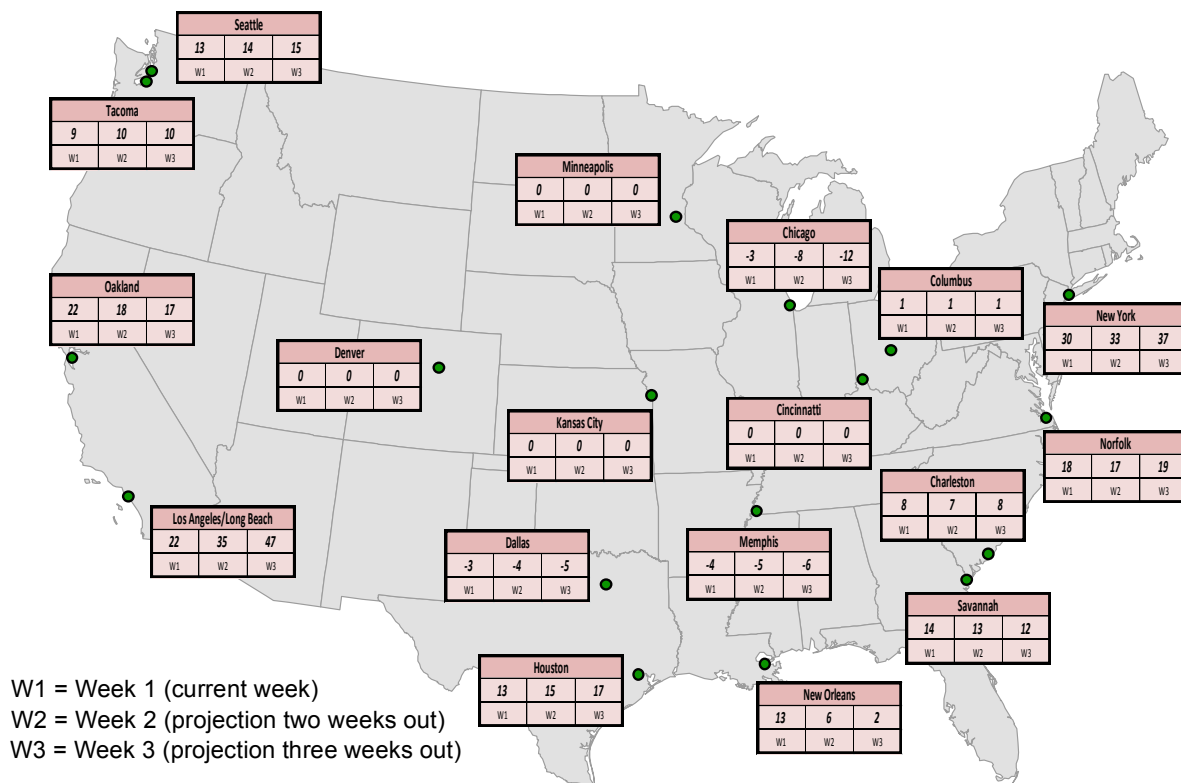
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	132	91	84	50	50	2	.	.	.	.	409
Week 2: Dec 11-17	93	103	91	85	50	2	.	.	.	.	424
Week 3: Dec 18-24	85	121	84	122	50	2	.	.	.	.	464
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	116	105	69	42	20	2	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: Dec 11-17	116	103	115	65	20	3	.	.	.	.	422
Week 3: Dec 18-24	74	95	196	35	20	5	.	.	.	.	425
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	136	93	51	40	2	-2	.	.	.	.	320
Week 2: Dec 11-17	71	72	137	40	2	-39	.	.	.	.	283
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-5	61	217	40	2	-48	.	.	.	.	267
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	60	13	11	5	2	-103	.	.	.	.	-12
Week 2: Dec 11-17	26	17	11	5	1	-49	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-2	21	11	5	1	-79	.	.	.	.	-43
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	4	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 2: Dec 11-17	2	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Dec 18-24	2	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	286	284	237	100	8	5	.	.	.	.	920
Week 2: Dec 11-17	271	485	459	100	6	-4	.	.	.	.	1,317
Week 3: Dec 18-24	325	693	552	100	8	-10	.	.	.	.	1,668
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	117	113	26	20	8	-800	.	.	.	.	-516
Week 2: Dec 11-17	208	170	55	-4	10	-800	.	.	.	.	-361
Week 3: Dec 18-24	289	241	-124	-20	8	-800	.	.	.	.	-406
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	600	100	85	26	10	-4	.	.	.	.	817
Week 2: Dec 11-17	600	177	305	-2	8	-195	.	.	.	.	893
Week 3: Dec 18-24	600	217	30	-15	10	-102	.	.	.	.	740
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	41	16	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	69
Week 2: Dec 11-17	18	26	11	0	.	4	.	.	.	.	59
Week 3: Dec 18-24	31	29	10	0	.	3	.	.	.	.	73
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	5	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Dec 11-17	2	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-8
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-1	-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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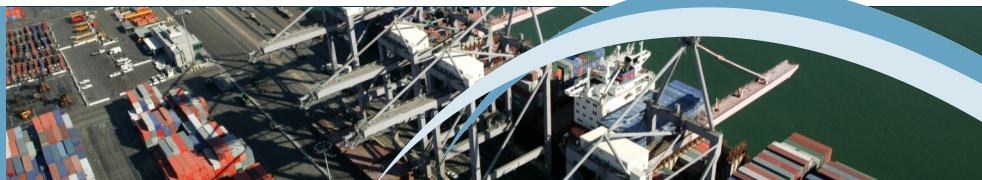


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	46	40	31	20	14	6	157
Week 2: Dec 11-17	72	57	46	20	12	0	.	.	.	.	207
Week 3: Dec 18-24	89	72	57	20	18	1	.	.	.	.	257
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	81	62	30	22	14	-8	.	.	.	.	201
Week 2: Dec 11-17	108	66	30	21	14	-3	.	.	.	.	236
Week 3: Dec 18-24	135	76	30	24	16	-5	.	.	.	.	276
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	50	38	18	7	2	-2	.	.	.	.	113
Week 2: Dec 11-17	50	55	14	6	-11	-2	.	.	.	.	112
Week 3: Dec 18-24	50	71	14	15	-24	-3	.	.	.	.	123
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Dec 11-17	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Dec 18-24	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 11-17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 18-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	38	30	28	10	3	0	109
Week 2: Dec 11-17	57	58	51	12	3	-2	.	.	.	.	179
Week 3: Dec 18-24	60	85	67	12	3	-3	.	.	.	.	224
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	60	30	28	20	11	3	.	.	.	.	152
Week 2: Dec 11-17	83	30	40	25	11	-5	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: Dec 18-24	105	30	-5	41	16	-7	.	.	.	.	180
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	80	53	38	15	0	-8	.	.	.	.	178
Week 2: Dec 11-17	80	91	74	15	-1	-15	.	.	.	.	244
Week 3: Dec 18-24	80	128	112	14	1	-19	.	.	.	.	316
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 2: Dec 11-17	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Dec 18-24	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-6
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Dec 11-17	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Dec 18-24	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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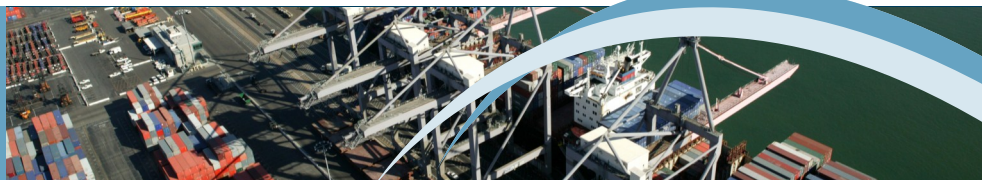


Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	167	112	71	58	10	10	428
Week 2: Dec 11-17	270	159	45	103	10	10	.	.	.	.	597
Week 3: Dec 18-24	376	211	23	104	15	10	.	.	.	.	739
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	161	142	138	111	10	5	.	.	.	.	567
Week 2: Dec 11-17	213	193	259	123	8	5	.	.	.	.	801
Week 3: Dec 18-24	304	239	383	115	11	5	.	.	.	.	1,057
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	305	300	284	219	184	11	.	.	.	.	1,303
Week 2: Dec 11-17	437	300	489	193	317	10	.	.	.	.	1,746
Week 3: Dec 18-24	561	300	588	175	458	11	.	.	.	.	2,093
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	16	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Dec 11-17	20	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Dec 18-24	29	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	-3	-3
Week 2: Dec 11-17	-4	-4
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-5	-5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	111	11	3	1	1	-8	119
Week 2: Dec 11-17	135	15	10	1	1	-8	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Dec 18-24	160	17	18	1	1	-8	.	.	.	.	189
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	61	20	8	3	3	2	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Dec 11-17	81	34	10	3	4	3	.	.	.	.	135
Week 3: Dec 18-24	101	36	10	3	3	8	.	.	.	.	161
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	70	26	9	6	4	-4	.	.	.	.	111
Week 2: Dec 11-17	70	48	8	7	4	4	.	.	.	.	141
Week 3: Dec 18-24	70	71	10	9	2	1	.	.	.	.	163
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 11-17	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 18-24	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	0	0
Week 2: Dec 11-17	0	0
Week 3: Dec 18-24	0	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	150	26	8	0	-62	-532	-410
Week 2: Dec 11-17	150	16	10	0	-68	-633	.	.	.	.	-525
Week 3: Dec 18-24	150	23	9	-5	-68	-738	.	.	.	.	-629
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	79	70	26	2	-15	-87	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Dec 11-17	81	70	-8	4	-46	-190	.	.	.	.	-89
Week 3: Dec 18-24	98	70	9	4	-55	-295	.	.	.	.	-169
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	500	43	22	5	-10	-146	.	.	.	.	414
Week 2: Dec 11-17	500	66	38	2	12	-157	.	.	.	.	461
Week 3: Dec 18-24	500	51	41	1	-20	-170	.	.	.	.	403
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	180	28	26	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	236
Week 2: Dec 11-17	180	49	32	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	263
Week 3: Dec 18-24	180	61	39	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	282
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	17	0	-4	13
Week 2: Dec 11-17	18	0	-3	15
Week 3: Dec 18-24	19	0	-2	17

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	20	1	-8	-9	-11	-24	-31
Week 2: Dec 11-17	20	1	3	-10	-9	22	.	.	.	.	27
Week 3: Dec 18-24	20	1	6	-8	-9	55	.	.	.	.	65
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	300	12	-4	-10	-49	-116	.	.	.	.	133
Week 2: Dec 11-17	300	12	38	-12	-58	-28	.	.	.	.	252
Week 3: Dec 18-24	300	13	61	-15	-69	-28	.	.	.	.	262
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	200	43	-5	-8	-14	-86	.	.	.	.	130
Week 2: Dec 11-17	200	50	-13	-17	-15	-24	.	.	.	.	181
Week 3: Dec 18-24	200	62	1	-24	-17	-24	.	.	.	.	198
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	6	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Dec 11-17	8	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Dec 18-24	10	-6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	0
Week 2: Dec 11-17	0
Week 3: Dec 18-24	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	950	601	463	356	45	-139	.	.	.	.	2,276
Week 2: Dec 11-17	950	553	545	469	45	-72	.	.	.	.	2,490
Week 3: Dec 18-24	950	520	881	584	50	67	.	.	.	.	3,052
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	1,500	1,061	1,042	380	49	40	.	.	.	.	4,072
Week 2: Dec 11-17	1,500	807	1,517	611	117	50	.	.	.	.	4,602
Week 3: Dec 18-24	1,500	650	2,195	956	139	45	.	.	.	.	5,485
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	4,400	1,802	1,637	636	60	-299	.	.	.	.	8,236
Week 2: Dec 11-17	4,400	1,623	1,166	567	60	-430	.	.	.	.	7,386
Week 3: Dec 18-24	4,400	1,489	2,428	866	60	-603	.	.	.	.	8,640
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	200	139	118	75	-21	-43	.	.	.	.	468
Week 2: Dec 11-17	200	137	176	75	-28	-121	.	.	.	.	439
Week 3: Dec 18-24	225	225	153	75	-32	-172	.	.	.	.	474
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	10	7	5	22
Week 2: Dec 11-17	10	10	15	35
Week 3: Dec 18-24	10	12	25	47

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June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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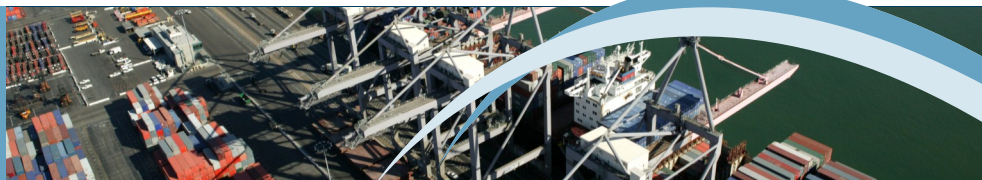


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	118	90	51	22	4	4	289
Week 2: Dec 11-17	145	90	13	16	5	-7	.	.	.	.	262
Week 3: Dec 18-24	174	90	-6	5	5	-15	.	.	.	.	253
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	150	148	75	5	3	-27	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: Dec 11-17	150	110	106	8	-10	6	.	.	.	.	370
Week 3: Dec 18-24	150	88	163	8	-20	58	.	.	.	.	447
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	1,050	193	124	10	-24	-102	.	.	.	.	1,251
Week 2: Dec 11-17	1,050	144	181	8	0	-16	.	.	.	.	1,367
Week 3: Dec 18-24	1,050	174	276	8	-5	75	.	.	.	.	1,578
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	8	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Dec 11-17	19	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 3: Dec 18-24	23	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	-4	-4
Week 2: Dec 11-17	-5	-5
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-6	-6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	51	32	20	-7	-8	-248	-160
Week 2: Dec 11-17	84	-25	20	1	-8	-378	.	.	.	.	-306
Week 3: Dec 18-24	97	-43	20	2	-7	-502	.	.	.	.	-433
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	300	17	6	-2	-38	-319	.	.	.	.	-36
Week 2: Dec 11-17	300	17	3	-11	-46	-432	.	.	.	.	-169
Week 3: Dec 18-24	300	2	1	-9	-61	-550	.	.	.	.	-317
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	70	59	39	8	-8	-9	.	.	.	.	159
Week 2: Dec 11-17	70	20	36	8	-8	-26	.	.	.	.	100
Week 3: Dec 18-24	70	-25	28	5	-9	-45	.	.	.	.	24
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
Week 2: Dec 11-17	0	-36	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-36
Week 3: Dec 18-24	0	-45	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-45
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 11-17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Dec 18-24	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	14	13	2	0	0	-262	.	.	.	.	-233
Week 2: Dec 11-17	10	13	-2	0	0	-292	.	.	.	.	-271
Week 3: Dec 18-24	10	13	-15	0	-2	-401	.	.	.	.	-395
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	10	8	2	0	-9	-20	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Dec 11-17	14	13	1	0	-4	-21	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Dec 18-24	12	-1	1	0	-6	-129	.	.	.	.	-123
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	12	12	0	-18	-25	-46	.	.	.	.	-65
Week 2: Dec 11-17	7	12	0	-40	-9	-130	.	.	.	.	-160
Week 3: Dec 18-24	5	9	0	-54	-10	-254	.	.	.	.	-304
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	7	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Dec 11-17	8	0	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Dec 18-24	8	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-11
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	9	4	13
Week 2: Dec 11-17	2	4	6
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-2	4	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	451	311	219	194	80	20	1,275
Week 2: Dec 11-17	779	455	482	147	80	30	.	.	.	.	1,973
Week 3: Dec 18-24	1,131	591	664	135	80	35	.	.	.	.	2,636
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	608	290	195	120	25	-8	.	.	.	.	1,230
Week 2: Dec 11-17	810	449	451	120	25	60	.	.	.	.	1,915
Week 3: Dec 18-24	1,128	743	710	120	30	45	.	.	.	.	2,776
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	1,009	616	400	229	30	25	.	.	.	.	2,309
Week 2: Dec 11-17	1,289	988	400	469	13	35	.	.	.	.	3,194
Week 3: Dec 18-24	1,734	1,365	400	682	5	50	.	.	.	.	4,236
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	225	207	129	97	87	10	.	.	.	.	755
Week 2: Dec 11-17	225	294	127	129	169	10	.	.	.	.	954
Week 3: Dec 18-24	225	371	109	162	266	10	.	.	.	.	1,143
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	22	5	3	30
Week 2: Dec 11-17	27	5	1	33
Week 3: Dec 18-24	32	5	0	37

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	124	57	28	10	8	-18	209
Week 2: Dec 11-17	193	10	14	10	9	42	.	.	.	.	278
Week 3: Dec 18-24	226	-38	10	10	11	88	.	.	.	.	307
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	86	80	45	33	12	-151	.	.	.	.	105
Week 2: Dec 11-17	69	80	23	68	10	-190	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Dec 18-24	57	80	18	4	10	-213	.	.	.	.	-44
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	608	400	194	93	12	-60	.	.	.	.	1,247
Week 2: Dec 11-17	667	400	121	9	9	-83	.	.	.	.	1,123
Week 3: Dec 18-24	770	400	13	52	9	-80	.	.	.	.	1,164
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	197	78	48	10	4	-9	.	.	.	.	328
Week 2: Dec 11-17	224	61	47	10	3	-9	.	.	.	.	336
Week 3: Dec 18-24	190	32	49	10	1	1	.	.	.	.	283
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	14	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 2: Dec 11-17	13	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Dec 18-24	14	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	112	100	8	-64	-67	-159	-70
Week 2: Dec 11-17	-47	100	10	12	-71	-156	.	.	.	.	-152
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-140	100	11	8	-71	-157	.	.	.	.	-249
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	125	90	64	42	10	-31	.	.	.	.	300
Week 2: Dec 11-17	9	90	58	35	9	-81	.	.	.	.	120
Week 3: Dec 18-24	-124	90	13	24	11	-92	.	.	.	.	-78
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	600	561	134	10	-9	-446	.	.	.	.	850
Week 2: Dec 11-17	600	439	149	15	-27	-376	.	.	.	.	800
Week 3: Dec 18-24	600	131	150	20	-47	-390	.	.	.	.	464
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	73	30	12	10	-4	-56	.	.	.	.	65
Week 2: Dec 11-17	78	30	33	10	-27	-90	.	.	.	.	34
Week 3: Dec 18-24	42	30	26	10	-20	-67	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	13	10	-1	22
Week 2: Dec 11-17	11	10	-3	18
Week 3: Dec 18-24	10	10	-3	17

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	180	76	69	33	11	3	372
Week 2: Dec 11-17	180	69	112	57	88	3	.	.	.	.	509
Week 3: Dec 18-24	180	113	152	48	98	3	.	.	.	.	594
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	389	150	6	-21	-41	-105	.	.	.	.	378
Week 2: Dec 11-17	311	150	6	-3	-32	-196	.	.	.	.	236
Week 3: Dec 18-24	379	150	4	-17	-45	-191	.	.	.	.	280
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	570	350	47	0	-136	-281	.	.	.	.	550
Week 2: Dec 11-17	608	350	45	0	-106	-328	.	.	.	.	569
Week 3: Dec 18-24	849	350	-19	0	-112	-362	.	.	.	.	706
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	170	113	74	12	10	-46	.	.	.	.	333
Week 2: Dec 11-17	170	95	73	47	10	-61	.	.	.	.	334
Week 3: Dec 18-24	170	76	86	76	10	-56	.	.	.	.	362
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	8	5	1	14
Week 2: Dec 11-17	8	4	1	13
Week 3: Dec 18-24	8	3	1	12

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	100	93	22	9	224
Week 2: Dec 11-17	100	157	33	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	299
Week 3: Dec 18-24	100	113	45	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	268
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	153	40	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	240
Week 2: Dec 11-17	271	16	40	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	335
Week 3: Dec 18-24	228	-32	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	243
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	175	47	45	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	273
Week 2: Dec 11-17	175	23	203	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	409
Week 3: Dec 18-24	175	17	146	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	346
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	145	20	19	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	174
Week 2: Dec 11-17	293	20	19	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	322
Week 3: Dec 18-24	172	20	27	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	209
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	12	1	13
Week 2: Dec 11-17	13	1	14
Week 3: Dec 18-24	14	1	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	145	40	10	5	-37	163
Week 2: Dec 11-17	125	39	10	5	8	.	.	.	.	.	187
Week 3: Dec 18-24	54	25	10	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	99
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	612	10	-15	-54	-268	.	.	.	.	.	285
Week 2: Dec 11-17	586	8	-15	-83	-136	.	.	.	.	.	360
Week 3: Dec 18-24	570	8	-15	-131	-140	.	.	.	.	.	292
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	971	40	8	-110	-364	.	.	.	.	.	545
Week 2: Dec 11-17	1,057	40	10	-249	-395	.	.	.	.	.	463
Week 3: Dec 18-24	999	40	10	-428	-380	.	.	.	.	.	241
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	148	5	0	-95	-339	.	.	.	.	.	-281
Week 2: Dec 11-17	125	5	0	-284	-296	.	.	.	.	.	-450
Week 3: Dec 18-24	103	5	0	-480	-311	.	.	.	.	.	-683
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Dec 4-10	8	1	9
Week 2: Dec 11-17	9	1	10
Week 3: Dec 18-24	9	1	10

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

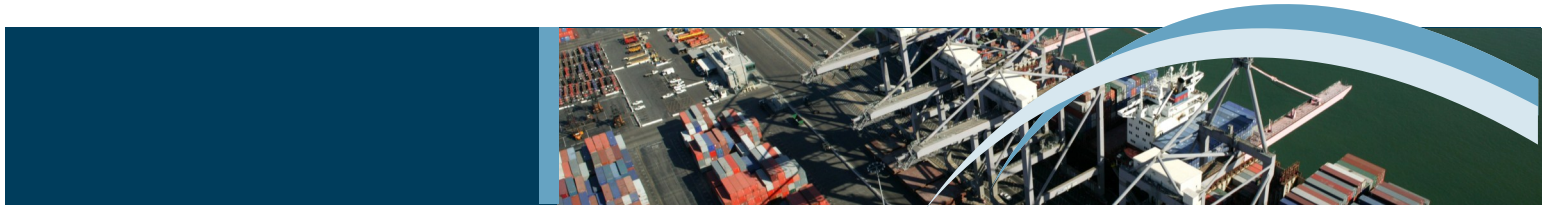
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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